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ST EWE PARISH MEETING

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DRAFT MINUTES
Parish Meeting (Meeting of the Electors)
St Ewe Village Hall
Monday 11 May 2015

Present:	Chair Cllr Janet Lockyer, Cllr Will Richards, Cllr Sam Roberts, Cllr Jenny May, Cllr Trevor Harman, Cllr Allan Brooks and Cllr Diane Clemes. Also, Mrs Christine Wilson, Clerk to the Parish Council.
Absent:	Cllr John Dickinson, Cllr Rueben Collins, Cllr Trevor Johns, Ward member Cllr Malcolm Harris.
Also present:	PCSO Tony Hemming and the new Neighbourhood Police Officer for the parish, PC Ken Dunn. 8 Members of the public.

The meeting began at 7.05 pm
Cllr J Lockyer, Chair of the Parish Council, chaired the Parish Meeting.

1) Year End Reports.

a. Police Report – St Ewe Parish. PCSO Tony Hemming gave the following report:

This report covers the period 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015. There are just 10 crimes to report this year. This is two less than my report in 2014.

- 2 x Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle
- 2 x Theft from Motor Vehicle
- 2 x Communications Act [This is misconduct with social media.]
- 1 x Dogs Not Under Proper Control
- 1 x Handle Stolen Goods
- 1 x Burglary
- 1 x Theft by Employee [Not the same business was affected as a similar crime last year.]

We now have a new Neighbourhood Police Officer covering the Parish of St Ewe, PC Ken Dunn has taken over from PC Jay Dorman who has moved on to a specialised role within the Police Force.

With cuts in financing of the Police Force, PC Dunn covers all of PC Dorman's former beat as well as the Clay area which includes St Stephen, Foxhole, Nanpean, St Dennis, Roche, Bugle, Penwithick and all the smaller hamlets in between.

At present we are experiencing a higher number of domestic burglaries in the Gorran Haven area and we would like to take this opportunity to remind parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity by telephoning 101 for non-emergencies and 999 for emergencies.

If you are leaving your home un-occupied please do all you can to deter any potential burglars by setting your alarm if you have one, and leaving one or more lights on timers at night time.

Cllr Lockyer requested that PCSO Hemming inform the Parish Council when the culprit, believed to be responsible for the spate of burglaries in Gorran Haven, is caught. Cllr Lockyer thanked the officers for attending the meeting.

Police Officers PCSO Tony Hemming and PC Ken Dunn left the meeting.

b. County Councillor Report. No report was received.

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c. Parish Council Chair's Report from Cllr Lockyer:

Again through careful budgeting St Ewe Parish Council were able to make grants to local organisations including St Ewe Church, St Ewe Village Hall and others, all beneficial to the village and Parish. 2014/2015 the precept was set at £4650. For 2015/2016 due to costs the precept was set at £5,104.

Once again it has been a year of wind turbines. I feel as we move through 2015 more will be on the agenda. As a Parish Council we have shown to be consistent when dealing with these applications and going forward we must continue the same. The roads around the Parish continue to be getting worse than ever, more pot holes than road in many places. Austerity measures are taking hold in every part of the County. We need as a Parish to keep raising the issues and continue the struggle to keep the roads maintained and in good order.

Good news St Ewe Parish web site is up and running. A few teething problems that can be overcome. This will be such a useful tool for us all, the church, Village Hall and so on. I would like to thank Christine for all her work and dedication to this project, well done. Others to thank are Des Hawkins and Sue Cox, not forgetting Jo of Lime Cloud who set the whole web site up. Thanks to Parish Councillors that got behind this. Polmassick Flood relief has moved forward. Highways are working on a feasibility study with a view to producing a design for a relief tunnel.

I have enjoyed my time in the chair. Thank you Christine for your support. I would also like to thank Malcolm Harris our ward Councillor for his support and keeping us informed of what is going on around St Mewan / St Austell ward.

Not to be forgotten, thank you to my fellow Councillors for your time. Without your support the Parish Council would not function. I am stepping down after my 2 year term and wish the new chair all the best and will continue to support as a Councillor. Last but not least, welcome to Jenny our newest Parish Councillor. Hope you enjoy your time with us. Your input from the other side of the Parish will be very useful.

d. Parish Council Finance Report from the Clerk:

The Parish Council budget for the 2015/16 financial year dropped very slightly to £6,917. However, it was necessary to raise the precept because the Parish Council was expecting an almost £400 loss of income from the grass cutting agreement and the council tax support grant. Fortunately, these cuts have not been as severe as expected. Reserves are healthy and the council maintains a working capital (contingency fund) of £1,500. The initial cost of the website will be paid from reserves.

As of this financial year, the new Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities requires small parish councils (those with a turnover under £25,000) to publish much of their accounting details online. This was a strong reason to go ahead with the parish website. It is possible that the requirements for Internal Audit, which audits the legal procedures of the Council, could become more stringent in future. From 2017, the new Code also removes the requirement for smaller authorities to be externally audited. Nevertheless, a new program of external audit is being structured to serve smaller councils who wish to continue, and St Ewe could decide to continue auditing with the new program voluntarily, though there would almost certainly be a cost involved.

The figures for the 2014/15 external audit will be discussed during the ordinary meeting of the Council today.

e. The parish's new website: www.st-ewe-parish.co.uk.

The new website is up and running. It will serve all organisations in the parish that wish to have information about themselves online. The EVENTS (**What's On**) page, administered by Des Hawken, is particularly helpful as it gives dates and times for most social, church and council events and meetings occurring around the parish. Des's contact details are available on the footer of each page if anyone wants to add an event, or notice.

The parish council currently maintains five pages including Draft **Minutes**, **Parish Planning**, which lists all planning applications, and a **Highways** page, which shows the planned highway maintenance for 2015/16.

- 2) Electors from the Parish and members of the public were invited to address the Parish Meeting; however, no members of the public wished to bring up a topic at the Parish Meeting.
- 3) Date of the next Annual Parish Meeting, Monday, 9 May 2016.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 19 May 2015